

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2017-292-WS ORDER NO. 2018-31-H**

**MARCH 13, 2018**

**Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Approval of an Increase in Its Rates for Water and Sewer Services**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Motion of Forty Love Point Homeowners Association for an Extension of Time to Submit Testimony**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

**Before me is Forty Love Point Homeowner's Association's ("HOA") Motion for an Extension of Time to Submit Testimony, filed on the day the testimony was due. CWS does not consent to the motion. HOA has timely filed testimony from several witnesses. However, it now requests further time to provide testimony from an expert because "[f]urther details have emerged as the case progresses."**

**The Commission does not normally grant extensions of time for the filing of prefile testimony in the face of objection. To do so, the Commission would need to be able to determine if there were good cause for an extension of the Commission deadline. Regrettably, HOA has not provided sufficient detail regarding why it could not file the proposed testimony within the deadline, and therefore has not met its burden at this time. However, petitioner may file a revised motion that provides more detail if it so chooses. Any further filings that the parties may want to make on this issue must be filed by Thursday, March 15 at noon.**